



DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES MINING SECTION

Public Participation Opportunities Request for Public Comments Draft Permit Actions

November 27, 2019

Public Notice: M2019-18

Last Day to Comment: December 30, 2019

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public of the following draft environmental permits and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the potential impact of the proposed activities on human health and the environment. The draft permits are available on the Division's Data Viewer at the web address: [http://tdec.tn.gov:8080/pls/enf_reports/f?p=9034:34001:0:::~::](http://tdec.tn.gov:8080/pls/enf_reports/f?p=9034:34001:0:::).

The Division has made the determination that the following NPDES permit applications are complete as required by Rule 0400-40-03-.06(1)(c).

Individual NPDES Permits

Non-Coal Proposed Issuance

Applicant	Claiborne Hauling, LLC				
Facility	Friendsville South 321 Quarry				
Permit Number	TN0070475	Permit Writer Initials	LCK	Discharge Rating	Minor
County	Blount			EFO Name	Knox
Street Address	412 Endsley Quarry Road				
City and Zip Code	Friendsville 37737				
Description of Activity	Limestone: Crushed and Broken Quarrying				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Gallagher Creek				
Facility Location	Latitude	35.75472	Longitude	-84.13138	

Non-Coal Proposed Modification

Applicant	Jason Smith dba Smith Brothers Sand & Gravel				
Facility	Smith Sand & Gravel Mine				
Permit Number	TN0070050	Permit Writer Initials	GEK	Discharge Rating	Minor
County	Loudon			EFO Name	Knoxville
Street Address	4859 New Hope Rd				
City and Zip Code	Sweetwater 37874				
Description of Activity	Construction Sand and Gravel Mining				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Unnamed tributary to Pond Creek				
Facility Location	Latitude	35.66188	Longitude	-84.49597	

Non-Coal Proposed Reissuance

Applicant	Cocke County Highway Department				
Facility	Cocke County Quarry				
Permit Number	TN0066613	Permit Writer Initials	CMP	Discharge Rating	Minor
County	Cocke			EFO Name	Knoxville
Street Address	820 Lower Quarry Road				
City and Zip Code	Newport 37821				
Description of Activity	Limestone: Crushed and Broken Quarrying				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Pigeon River				
Facility Location	Latitude	35.9484	Longitude	-83.1794	

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8383 Wolf Lake Drive
Bartlett, TN 38133-4119
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How to Comment

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) is requesting public comments on the permit actions. Obtaining a broad range of facts and opinions on Agency actions is one of the best ways to ensure quality decisions. Persons wishing to comment on the proposed permit actions may submit comments in writing to the Mining Section at the Knoxville Environmental Field Office, Attn: Public Notice Coordinator; by fax to (865) 594-6105; or by e-mail to Dennis.Conger@tn.gov. The Division must receive your comments before the close of the comment period (see page 1).

How to Request a Public Hearing

Interested persons may request in writing that the Division hold a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed before the close of the comment period. You must indicate the interest of the party requesting a hearing, the reasons that a hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is significant public interest for a hearing, the Division will hold a hearing in accordance with Rule 0400-40-05-.06 (12). A separate public notice will announce the public hearing.

How the Department Will Proceed

The Director of the Division of Water Resources will determine the final permit action after considering comments submitted during the comment period, the hearing record, if any, and the requirements of Federal and State acts and regulations.

To Obtain Permit Details

Draft permits contain Antidegradation Determinations and Rationales that address information concerning the foundation for the Division's decisions. Copies of the applications, draft permits, and supporting documentation are in the permit files maintained at the Knoxville Environmental Field Office, Mining Section. There is a nominal fee for copying. The files are available for public inspection during normal visiting hours. Please email Kara.Blevins@tn.gov or call (865) 594-5460 to schedule an appointment for the review.

State of Tennessee Antidegradation Policy

Tennessee's Antidegradation Statement is in Rule 0400-40-03-.06 of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. The primary purpose of the Antidegradation Policy is to establish a greater level of protection for high quality waters. Some high quality waters are in near-pristine condition. Others are determined to be high quality due to specialized uses and/or unique features.

Generally, there are two types of high quality waters. Outstanding National Resource Waters (ONRWs) receive the greatest level of protection. The Board of Water Quality, Oil and Gas designates these waters. New discharges or expansion of existing discharges cannot degrade existing water quality.

The Department identifies other high quality waters known as Exceptional Tennessee Waters (ETWs) and protects against their degradation. The Department may allow some degradation if the Department deems it economically and socially necessary.

Non-Exceptional Tennessee Waters refer to surface waters that do not have the identification and/or designation as high quality. These waters must achieve and maintain Tennessee's Water Quality Standards.

State of Tennessee Policy of Non-Discrimination

Pursuant to the State of Tennessee's policy of non-discrimination, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, or military service in its policies, or in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs, services or activities. You may direct any Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action inquiries or complaints to the EEO/AA Coordinator, Office of General Counsel, William R. Snodgrass - TN Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, Nashville, TN 37243-1102 or telephone 1-888-867-7455. Direct any Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) inquiries or complaints to the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources Division, William R. Snodgrass - TN Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 2nd Floor, Nashville, TN 37243-1102 or telephone 1-888-867-7455. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service (1-800-848-0298). If it is hard for you to read, speak, or understand English, TDEC may be able to provide translation or interpretation services free of charge. Please contact Saul Castillo at 615-532-0462 for more information.